

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-061

June 16, 1998

BRYANT POND TELEPHONE COMPANY  
Proposed Tariff for Intrastate  
Access Service

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER;  
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL  
ACCESS RATES

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WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, Commissioner

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On January 23, 1998, Bryant Pond Telephone Company filed proposed access rates under this docket number. That filing included rates for both switched and special access, as well as a cover sheet, title page and tables of contents.

On March 30, 1998, in Docket No. 98-252, Bryant Pond filed revisions to its originally proposed switched access rates. These provisions were designed to comply with the requirement of Chapter 280, § 8(J)(2)(c) that access charges be reduced by an amount equal to 40% of the difference between existing access charges and those required by section 8(J)(2)(d) of Chapter 280 on or before May 30, 1999.

In an order issued on May 27, 1998 in both dockets, we approved the revised *switched* access rates. We also inadvertently rejected all of the remaining pages included in the January 23, 1998 filing on the ground that they were superseded by the March 30 filing.

On June 4, 1998, Bryant Pond filed a letter pointing out that the later filing did not supersede the special access rates, the cover sheet, the title page or the contents pages that were included in the earlier filing. We consider Bryant Pond's request to be a request for reopening or reconsideration pursuant to chapter 110, § 1004. We grant the motion and we modify our decision as described in this order.

We have reviewed the additional pages in the January 23 filing and find that they are reasonable. We therefore approve them.

Accordingly, we ORDER approved the following rate schedule pages of Bryant Pond Telephone Company all filed on January 23, 1998; pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 309(2), they shall have an effective date of May 30, 1998:

Access Service, Cover Sheet  
Access Service, Title Page, Original  
Access Service, Contents, Page 1, Original  
Access Service, Contents, Page 2, Original  
Access Service, Section 2, Pages 1-34, Original

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 16th day of June, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:      Welch  
   Nugent

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